

ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, March 09, 2026
4:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall
333 Broadalbin Street SW

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1. Call to order and roll call
2. Public Comment
3. Resolution to rename the Art Gallery in City Hall – Kim Lyddane [Page 2]
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5. Business from the council
6. City manager report
7. Adjournment

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION NAMING THE ART GALLERY LOCATED IN CITY HALL AS THE “GWENN MARCHESE GALLERY’.

WHEREAS, the City of Albany values the arts as an essential component of community and cultural enrichment ; and

WHEREAS, Gwenn Marchase devoted more than three decades to enriching Albany’s cultural life through creativity and teaching, inspiring young artists at the Boys & Girls Club and guiding adult learners at Linn-Benton Community College; and

WHEREAS, her artistic contributions include murals that brightened local spaces, coloring books that celebrated Albany’s historic charm, and her lasting legacy as lead painter for the Albany Carousel; and

WHEREAS, Gwenn’s vision and generosity fostered friendships and strengthened community bonds through art, leaving an indelible mark on Albany’s cultural identity; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Arts Commission wishes to name the City Hall gallery space in her honor, intending it to stand as a tribute to her creativity and the transformative power of art in community life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Albany City Council that that the art gallery in Albany City Hall shall be officially named the “Gwenn Marchese Gallery” as a lasting reminder of her contributions and the inspiration she provided to generations of artists and residents.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 11TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Recorder

ADA Rules Change

Digital Accessibility



What's changing:





















- Under the new DOJ ADA Title II rule, all state/local government website, app, and social media content must meet WCAG 2.1 AA standards, with few exceptions.
- Cities with population \geq 50K (like Albany) must comply by April 24, 2026.



Why this is important:

- **Equity & inclusion:** Digital access is a civil right—this isn't optional and mirrors physical ADA access.
- **Risk mitigation:** Non-compliance can lead to legal challenges.
- **Community trust:** Improves usability for all residents—not just those with permanent disabilities.



	 Touch	 See	 Hear	 Speak	 Cognitive
Permanent	 One arm	 Blind	 Deaf	 Non-verbal	 ADHD/ concentration difficulties
Temporary	 Arm injury	 Cataract	 Ear-infection	 Laryngitis	 Fatigue / depression
Situational	 Carry a baby or a computer	 Sun on screen	 Noisy surroundings	 Heavy accent	 Open office- landscape

What work has been done:

- Digital Accessibility Compliance Plan
- Migration/mitigation of PDF forms
- Initial department work (defining footprint, risk, priorities, and strategies)
- Citywide training opportunities and resources
- Document template changes and implementation
- Outside vendor procurement requirements/monitoring
- Agenda Management System



What work remains:

- **Staff capacity:** Manual remediation of PDFs, templates, captioning, etc. requires training and technical skills using a multitasked staff who are already stretched thin. Existing third-party vendor products and contracts need review/auditing for compliance and mitigation.
- **Limited budgets:** Third-party audit, monitoring/compliance tools, and website upgrade are all unfunded.
- **Ongoing maintenance:** Periodic content audits, regular staff training, and monitoring tools with limited staff resources.



Opportunities:

We are one of Oregon's largest cities with evolving digital service needs.

- **Website upgrade and compliance tools:** Dedicated government website with accessible-by-default features and distributed content authorship, can increase staff ownership and reduce legal risk.
- **Plain language and content audits:** reduce footprint, translation benefits.
- **Adopting an accessibility mindset:** Accessible content helps everyone. These changes reflect best practices and good customer service.
- **Collaboration with our regional partners.**



But what happens April 25?

- Defensible plan and demonstrated progress.
- We continue to follow our plan to achieve ongoing compliance as bandwidth and resources allow.
- There may be some sections of the website which come down temporarily.
- We are aiming for progress first, perfection is unlikely.
- Ultimately, improved content creation habits and increased usability for all residents.



Questions?

